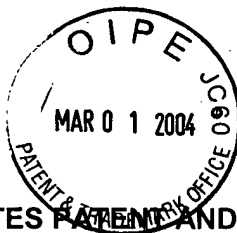


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the Notice of Appeal submitted July 28, 2003 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before March 1, 2004 (February 28, 2004 being a Saturday). A check in the amount of \$1,005.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(5) for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, our Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 18242-507). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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